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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0559

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, UN, WA, SF
SUBJ: VENUE FOR NAMIBIA TALKS

REF: STATE 083686

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH PM VORSTER THIS AFTERNOON HE
MADE VERY CLEAR HIS STRONG PREFERENCE FOR TALKS TO BE
HELD IN CAPE TOWN. HE STRESS THAT DECISIONS TO BE
MADE ONLY HE CAN MAKE. HE WANTS TO BE CLOSE AT HAND
FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE INDICATED HE ALSO WANTS TO SPEAK
TO NEGOTIATORS ALTHOUGH FOURIE OR BOTHA WOULD CARRY
THE TALKS FOR SAG.

2. I CONSULTED MY COLLEAGUES THIS AFTERNOON FOR THIER
VIEWS ON QUESTION OF VENUE. THEY THOUGHT WE ARE MORE
LIKELY TO CHIEVE OBJECTIVES, DIFFICULT AS THESE ARE,
IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE HERE AND CAN DIALOGUE PERSONALLY
WITH VORSTER AS NEED ARISES.

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3. THERE ARE WEIGHTY CONSIDERATIONS ON BOTH SIDES
AS EXPRESSED IN STATE 083686 AND USUN 1106. GIVEN
IMPORTANCE OF TIME FACTOR AND UNIQUE POSITION THAT
VORSTER OCCUPIES IN SAG DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, I
FAVOR GROUP COMING HERE FOR FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WHICH
IS LEKELY TO BE A MAKE-OR-BREAK SESSION. ULTIMATELY
THE NEGOTIATION WILL PROBABLY BE WITH VORSTER HIMSELF

AND I BELIEGE THIS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND IN SELECTING
REPRESENTATIVES. ONCE PARAMETERS OF SAG FLEXIBILITY ARE
ESTABLISHED, I WOULD FAVOR SHIFTING VENUE TO NEW
YORK WHERE DETAILS CAN BE HAMMERED OUT
WITH OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES. BOWDLER

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